

HOUSE RESOLUTION 47

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Trousdale County High School football team upon winning the TSSAA Class 1A Football Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to honor and commend those victorious high school teams that, through their meritorious accomplishments, bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Trousdale County High School football team is one such team and recently completed an undefeated 2008 season, amassing an outstanding record of fifteen wins before capturing the 1A State Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Football Championship title on December 5, 2008, after defeating the Jo Byrns Red Devils team 31-14 in the Blue Cross Bowl; and

WHEREAS, their final win of the 2008 postseason was the team's final hurdle in their completion of an incredible season in which they went undefeated, attaining a laudable record of fifteen wins to zero losses. In fact, the Yellow Jackets were so dominating on the field that no opposing team came within seven points of them all year; and

WHEREAS, during their incredible season, Trousdale County dispatched Macon County 38-10, Livingston Academy 35-10, Watertown 45-7, Smith County 20-0, Monterey 38-10, Gordonsville 35-0, Clay County 58-15, Mt. Juliet Christian Academy 66-12, Friendship Christian 28-6, and Red Boiling Springs 59-6; and

WHEREAS, the team was a juggernaut through the playoffs as well, dominating Silverdale Academy by the score of 49-6, beating Watertown 21-14, besting South Pittsburg 13-6, and dispatching Oneida 23-10 before meeting Jo Byrns in the final round; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their outstanding play on the field during the final game, the Yellow Jackets swept the Most Valuable Player honors, with Tacola Seay earning the Offensive MVP Award in recognition of his fourteen carries for 109 yards and one touchdown and Austin Dillon, the Jackets' leading tackler, winning the Defensive MVP Award for his nine tackles and two interceptions during the championship game; and

WHEREAS, lineman Brent Ford was a finalist for Lineman of the Year in the 2008 Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Awards; and

WHEREAS, Trousdale County's Jared White was selected as the kicker for the East squad in the Tennessee Toyota Dealers' East-West All-Star Game on December 13, 2008; and

WHEREAS, each player for Trousdale County deserves recognition for the hard work and determination he exhibited throughout the championship season. The 2008 Yellow Jacket players are: Jeffrey Butcher, Josh Cunningham, Austin Dillon, Creigh Hall, Justin Harris, Tony Hood, Shane Johns, Kreigh Storey, Jared White, Jordan Harper, Tacola Seay, Hunter Murphree, Craig Brown, Brent Ford, Dillon Young, Dre Crenshaw, Devon Turczyn, Josh Payne, Mac Sanders, Taylor Shoulders, Tyler Edwards, Marcelly Smith, Joey Cox, Dakota Stovall, Joe Sanders, Austin Bode, Ricky Williams, Shawn Brewington, Alex Gregory, Kyle Gregory, Chase Roberson, Zach Scruggs, John Fisher, Mitch Merryman, Cody Belcher, Baylor DeLeusomme, Marty Bottom, Shawn Melton, Michael Harper, Jordan Holder, Ritchie Wooten, and Jacob Hammock; and; and

WHEREAS, the team benefitted from the guidance and leadership provided by Head Coach and Athletic Director Kevin Creasy; Assistant Coaches Jason Dobbs, Adam Keeton, Brandon Eden, Hal Hailey, Steve McClain, Eric Eden, and Jeff Holder; trainer Michelle Wray, and Principal Toby Woodmore; and

WHEREAS, the players' spirits and energies were uplifted throughout the season by the cheerleading squad, Christian Byrd, Brooke Coleman, Leslie Dawson, Amy Dodson, Brittney Hood, McKayla Johnson, Kelsea Martin, Becky Porter, Taylor Sheehan, and Kayla West; the cheerleaders' sponsor, Demetrice Mitchell; the ballgirls, Katy Belcher, Shelby Gregory, Ciera Holder, and Carly Welch; and by the team's manager, Kirk Sutherland; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of these individuals not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward their successes in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom, and the 2008 Yellow Jackets football team and their supporters are wholly deserving of the recognition of this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we applaud and congratulate the players and coaches of the Trousdale County High School football team upon capturing the 2008 TSSAA Class 1A State Championship and wish them every success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.